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SUBJECT: Media Reaction Sao Paulo February 13 2009

Media Reaction: Mideast: Israeli elections; Global Economy:
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Title- Israel after elections

Editorial in center-right O Estado de S. Paulo (2-13) says:
"....Whatever is [re: Israel's election] the result, the outcome of the ongoing negotiations [internal Israeli politics] will be discouraging for finding a solution to the Arab-Israeli conflict. The tough reality....is that the majority of Israelis are opposed to the creation of a Palestinian State ...the unanimous expectation among impartial observers...is that the new government....will continue the occupation and the expansion of colonies....There is only one question mark on this grim horizon: the Obama factor...."

Title- Why the fear

Op-Ed in liberal A Folha de S. Paulo (2-13) by former President Jose Sarney: "Almost 20 years ago....I said that the end of the communism was a result of its own mistakes. And I emphasized that....capitalism had to innovate itself and resolve its mistakes and its internal contradictions, otherwise the same thing would happen to it. And it is happening. Globalization is deconstructing itself, and protectionism is gaining strength again."
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